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Cc: Rep. Linehan, Liz; Sen. Sampson, Rob
Subject: Testimony Regarding the 2022 Proposed Gun Legislation Bills

Distinguished Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing to you today because I saw the Governor's press conference where he said there are too many legal guns in Connecticut. All when he announced what his plans are to address juvenile justice. Comparing legal gun owners to juvenile crime in the same bill, this is appalling. 46-pages of this 54-page bill- 88% of it calls for gun control, gun bans, gun registration, more gun free zones, limits on how and where you can carry making law-abiding citizens less safe in this open borders, pro-criminal rights era of government.

The 1994 Connecticut "Assault Weapons" Ban, the 2013 Connecticut "Assault Weapons" Ban, and the 2022 Connecticut "Assault Weapons" Ban all included common firearms owned by the good citizens of Connecticut. Despite these three "Assault Weapons," the claim now is homicide is at a 25 year high, meaning that the last 30 years of gun control didn't address the issue of crime. Maybe that has to do with the fact that criminals do not obey your gun control laws, are not being detained for committing crimes, and thus have no fear of consequences when they commit crimes. In addition, the increase of the State carry permit fees/renewal to \$200 makes ownership of firearms prohibitive (which is the apparent goal of the current government in this state) for many, especially considering the state of inflation and the increased financial burden of purchasing essential items, including home heating and auto fuel to keep warm and get back and forth to work.

You must **OPPOSE** S.B. 16 legislation and oppose gun control.

I addition, I also **OPPOSE** H.B. No. 5416 – AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.

I **SUPPORT** Raised S.B. No. 388 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

I **SUPPORT** Raised H.B. No. 5415 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

I **SUPPORT** Raised H.B. No. 5412 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

Thank you,

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